



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: U.S. Patent Application of Francine GOULET, et al.

App. No.: 10/678,167

Group Art Unit: 3738

Confirmation No.: 5723

Customer No.: 28291

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Examiner: Kamrin R. LANDREM

For: CONNECTIVE TISSUE SUBSTITUTES, METHOD OF
PREPARATION AND USES THEREOF

REPLY TO OFFICIAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

This letter is in response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2004. A Petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action and the requisite fee under 37 CFR §1.117(a) are submitted herewith.

Please note that two executed Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address Forms (PTO/SB/82; one in respect of each assignee) in favor of Fetherstonhaugh - Smart & Biggar (Customer No. 28291) and accompanying executed Statements Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) (PTO/SB/96), in respect of the above-identified application, are being submitted concurrently herewith. We respectfully request that the USPTO record is updated to reflect the change of agent of record and that future correspondence is redirected accordingly.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.